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1. [] Senator Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.) called to say that Senator Stuart Symington had stirred up a controversy in an Appropriations Committee session today by demanding information about the budgets and personnel strengths of the intelligence community. Senator Ellender had refused to provide this information and in the discussion Symington had among other things, claimed that according to CIA there were []

Senator Young said Senator Ellender was pushing bills through and they might adjourn as early as 8 December.

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2. [] Met with John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the November 4 letter to the Director from Representative Paul McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.) concerning CIA use of mercenaries in Laos. Mr. Blandford is in agreement that Members' questions concerning CIA operations should not be honored and that the Member should be referred to the Armed Services Committee if it will assist in closing out the question. Mr. Blandford observed that we might consider a one line response stating simply that the CIA does not recruit Americans for use as mercenaries in Laos, or words to that effect, to avoid being misquoted by the Member.

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3. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed the Defense Appropriations bill, H. R. 11731, sent to the Senate this week. Mr. Preston was most helpful.

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4. [] Met briefly with Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Radios bill has now been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, Friday, November 19, for discussion by the House.

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5. [] I talked to Miss Rosita Ferandes, Personal Secretary to Representative Lawrence R. Hogan (R., Md.), and confirmed a meeting with the Representative for noon, Friday, November 19. Representative Hogan will be traveling to Israel next week.

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6. [] Called Mrs. Arline MacArthur, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), and suggested the Senator have breakfast with the Director next Monday, 22 November, at 8 a.m. at Headquarters. Later in the day Mrs. MacArthur confirmed this time and date.

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8. [] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about the Defense Appropriations bill today. See Memorandum for the Record.

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9. [] Left with J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, a copy of the intelligence memorandum entitled "Communist China's Delegation to the UN General Assembly."

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10. [] Picked up from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee several copies of the report on Senator Church's interview with Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin.

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